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from a dog. The baby had injuries on both its legs. In spite of immediate medical treatment the baby died at about 6 a.m. the same day in the hospital."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Another case of this type came before this House and the Hon. Minister then promised that such things would not recur thereafter. Did the Government conduct any inquiry into this matter? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. An inquiry has been conducted into this matter."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" The Hon. Minister stated that the information was that a few minutes before the incident took place, the child was there. If so, who gave the information immediately after the child was missing? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The grandmother of the baby, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Last year a question was put by me in regard to a child found missing in the Kasturba Hospital, Madras. Then the Hon. Minister was pleased to give an assurance that sufficient and suitable measures would be taken for the safety of the inmates of the hospital in future. May I know what steps have been taken to prevent such missing of children from hospitals? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Various measures have been taken for this purpose. Nurses have been instructed to keep an eye on the children during their wakeful and playing hours. Mothers and guardians are allowed to be near the new babies. Nursing orderlies, pupil nurses and maternity assistants are all asked to keep guard on the children's wards during the visiting hours and trellis have been provided on the verandahs of the children's ward. But in this hospital there is no children's ward."

SRI N. RAMAKRISHNA AYYAR :—" Who has been appointed to keep an eye on the nursing orderlies and nurses? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The medical officers."

Facilities allowed to the evacuees from Pakistan.

* 1149 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of evacuees from Pakistan at present in the State; and

(*b*) the nature of the aid and the amount of loan disbursed to them by the State and the subsidy granted by the Government of India?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) 1,208.

(b) The State Government have granted assistance to the displaced persons in the shape of business loans, house loans and ration allowances. A total sum of Rs. 7,46,137 has been disbursed as loans. The Government of India have not granted any subsidy to the State Government. They have, however, given a sum of Rs. 10,794–4–0 to unattached women, infirms and widows towards maintenance allowance."

Extent of poramboke lands in the South Arcot district.

* 1150 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the extent of poramboke lands in the South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The extent of poramboke lands in South Arcot district is 496,431 acres."

Refusal of permission to buy the Malabar District Gazette.

* 1151 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have refused permission to any panchayat board in Malabar to buy the *Malabar District Gazette*; and

(b) if so, why?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I inform the Hon. Minister and ask a question in that way that the Badagara Panchayat Board was refused permission to buy the *Malabar District Gazette*? May I know whether the Government consider it a prejudicial material to buy the District Gazette? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" There seems to be no need for panchayats with little income to spend money on the purchase of the District Gazette and the *Fort St. George Gazette*, especially as important orders, rules, etc., are communicated to Class I panchayats by the District Panchayat Officer and as rules, orders, etc., are also published in the Panchayat Journal published by the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards for the information of panchayats."

Betting on cotton prices in the City.

* 1152 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that gambling known as " New York Cotton " betting is going on in Madras City; and